

**Wisconsin Migrant Education Program Recruiters' Training**  
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**Fond du Lac, WI**

**MEP ELIGIBILITY SCENARIOS**

For the following scenarios, please consider the basic eligibility factors:

- A. **School Completion:** The child is eligible for a free public education under state law (e.g., the child is not a high school graduate or does not hold a high school equivalency certificate.)
- B. **Time of Move:** The move occurred within the past 36 months.
- C. **Age:** The child is younger than 22
- D. **Move:** The child moved on his or her own as a migratory agricultural worker/migratory fisher OR the child moved with or to join/precede a parent, spouse, or guardian who is a migratory agricultural worker/migratory fisher, AND
  - ☐ The move was from one school district to another, AND
    - ☐ The move was a change from one residence to another residence, AND
    - ☐ The move was due to economic necessity, AND
    - ☐ The move occurred within the past 36 months.
- E. **Purpose of the Move:** One purpose of the worker's move was to seek or obtain qualifying work:
  - ☐ The worker moved to obtain qualifying work and obtained it, OR
    - ☐ The worker moved to obtain any work and obtained qualifying work soon after the move, OR
  - ☐ The worker moved for qualifying work specifically, but did not obtain the work, AND
    - ☐ The worker has a prior history of moves to obtain qualifying work, OR
    - ☐ There is other credible evidence that the worker actively sought qualifying work soon after the move.
  - ☐ **Qualifying Work:**
    - ☐ The employment is seasonal or temporary, AND
    - ☐ The work is agricultural or fishing.

For each case, determine whether the children are eligible, why or why not, and what additional information may be necessary.

1. A family with three school age children moved back into our district in August 2015. A recruiter interviewed the family in September 2015. During the interview, the worker explained the family moved so the worker could obtain work in the potato harvest and packing, which starts in October 2015. Since the harvest/packing has not started, the recruiter asked why the family moved early. The worker stated that the children started school in August and that the family makes this early move every year so the children can start school on time.
2. We have a family with a history of qualifying moves to work in sod farms in North Cape, WI that went to another district to seek qualifying work. The family found out about agricultural work in the Rosholt/Wittenberg area through a coworker. They heard that several farms were hiring for different crops such as potatoes and onions. Upon arriving in Rosholt/Wittenberg, they were not able to obtain qualifying work because they applied late. They stayed for a week looking for other work. When they could not find work, they came back to North Cape, WI and found work in landscaping.

3. Anna, age 18, works at a processing plant in Curtiss, Wisconsin. Her friends told her that the turkey processing plant in Barron, WI is hiring temporary workers in preparation for the holiday season. Anna moves to Barron in October 2015 to work at the plant. When she arrives, the plant hires her to work for a three-month period cutting turkey heads. Assuming that Anna has not graduated from high school and does not have her GED, is she eligible for the MEP? If eligible, how long will eligibility last?
4. On October 27, 2015, a recruiter found a family with four children (ages 3, 4, 7, and 9) who moved from México to Green Bay, Wisconsin to work at a beef processing plant. Both parents work as meat cutters. The mother tells the recruiter that they moved from Quitupan, Jalisco, México to Green Bay on November 1, 2014. The family plans on moving back to México in a couple of months. This is the family's only source of income. Are the children eligible for the Migrant Education Program?
5. In November of 2015, a family with two school age children moved from one school district to another school district approximately 30 miles away in order for the mother to begin seasonal work sorting and cleaning potatoes. The children continue to attend school in the original district from which they moved, commuting each day. Do the children qualify for the MEP? YES or NO?
6. A 21 year old out-of-school youth (OSY) made a move across school district boundaries three months ago in order to obtain seasonal agricultural work and he was hired for a job picking apples one week after the move. He has not graduated from high school, and is interested in MEP services to help him enroll in a GED program. When the MEP recruiter identifies him, the OSY has just turned 22. Should the recruiter complete a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) for this youth? YES or NO?
7. José Villalobos travels from Immokalee, FL to Quincy, FL to work in the tomato harvest on April 2, 2015. On June 4, he travels to Wautoma, Wisconsin to pick cucumbers. His wife and three children (ages 6, 9 & 11) join him in Wisconsin on June 25, 2015. The family returns to Immokalee, FL in September. Do the children qualify for migrant services when they return to school in September?
8. The Paz family moved from Gainesville, FL to Westfield, WI on April 15, 2016 to work at a meat packing plant there. The family has 5 children, ages 1, 4, 6, 8, and 10. A week later, the family moved to Wild Rose, WI to work in the cucumber harvest. Four days ago, the family moved again to Berlin, WI because the mother was offered a job at United Migrant Opportunity Services to work at their migrant child care center. She took the job because she was told her children could attend "la escuela" where she will be working. She is now helping set up for when the children arrive. The school-age children are not attending school at the moment. Are the children eligible for the MEP?